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To: Microsoft ATR

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Subject: Microsoft Settlement

Hello,

I am writing this e-mail to voice my concern with the proposed Microsoft settlement.

First of all, too little too late. Microsoft has been abusing its position as a MONOPOLY for YEARS. First it was Apple, then it was Netscape who's next? It is unfortunately not common knowledge that Microsoft integrated their browser in to their OS there by completely by-passing the need for an alternative, and that was only AFTER they gave it away for free (the browser) which they could afford to. Where as Netscape could not.

Next on the long list of issues is Apple, where on earth do you think Windows got its GUI guidelines from? And it continues to do so just look at MacOS X and Windows XP (one was released about one year before the other, it is needless to say which). Look at QuickTime for Windows, look at Java for Windows, look at OpenGL for Windows, all technologies made by third-parties that have been muscled out by Microsoft. But there is little that can be done about some things so far back in computer history. However we can prevent it form happening in the future. Microsoft's monopoly must be terminated, sharply, very near in the future before more technologies are strangled by this giant.

Although I feel that ALL of the propositions to settle the case are INSUFFICIENT I believe at the very least the company should be broken up in to smaller divisions and fined. In particular seperate the browser for the OS and any add on technologies.

Thank you for reading/listening,

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